(•) To further minimise the extent of non-functional. plants, Government has takes various measures, such a cbntinu* ous and vigorous, monitoring of biogas plants through State Government nodal agencies, independent evaluation studies, establishment of Regional Project Offices of Department of Non-Conventional, Energy Sources and monitoring cells in many States. Seven Regional Biogas Training and Development Centres have been establishes for providing technical and training support and financial assistance is given for creation of organisational infrastructure in the field specifically for Woga^ programme.

Bonds for the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

972. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will die Minister Of ENERGY be *pleased* \ state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have refused permission to float, bonds for the Jiakreshwar Thermal Power Project-,

(b) if «o, what are the' reasons for such refusal; and

(c) whether the proposed decision will deprive the local industry from reaping;
any benefit form the Rs. 600 crore pro ject as all the equipments will now be imported form U. S. S. R. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER* IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI* SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The present scheme. of floating Bonds introduced by the Central Gdvenfment is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings, primarily in the infrastructure fields. The question of extending the facility to financially viable State Undertakings in similar fields will be decided by Government after sufficient experience has been gained in the operation of the scheme and in the' light of the overall resources position of the Central Government in relation to its commitments.

(c) The question of import of equipment for the nroposed Bakreshwaf Thermal Power Project would arise only after the offers received for implementing the project have been assessed by Government and investment approval hat been. accorded to the project

mangalore Reftnery

3. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANK-KER:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
'". SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI V- NARAYANASAMY:

WiM fthe Minster ff PETROLEUM * AND NATURAL GAS. be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of private lec tor companies which have been selected for Joint Sector Refinery at Mangatare;
and

(b) the time by when work will com mence on thig, refinery?

THE MINISTER/dF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER'OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY
, OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) M[s, Indian Rayon Corporation Ltd. have been selected as the private sector co-promoter with whom
, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation! has been asked to prepare a Detailed Project-Report for the petrochemical refinery at Mangalore. They will also. enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (and the work on the DPR will commence after the M. O. U. is arrived a*.

Light Commercial Vechicle Indkulry

974. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state. -

(a) whether the Light- Commercial Vehicle industry is facing a recession and if so, what are the reasons therefor l and the steps being taken by Government to meet the situation;

(b) what steps are being taken by ' Goverment to increase; ancillarsation in the country; and'

(c) wither Mazda Motor Corpo ration of Japan Likely to ' enter the passenger car market in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEtARTMENT OF BTOUSTMAL 'DE-VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY SHRI M ARUNA CHALAM): ' (a) the new Light com metcial - vehicle manuracturer having Japanese collaboration ' are facing constraint increasing their producion and sales because of the high, cost of pro - duction arsing *primarly* on ' account of the steep appreciation in the value of the Yen. With a view to give them some relief, Government have extended cartain fiscal concessions to fuel efficient' light commercial vehicle.

(b) Government have encouraged the commonest manufacturers to increase production and'"upside... technology thro-ugl» new foreign coHaboratiois. Manufacture of automotive components has been deliceasiid and fiscal concessions have been gjven to ancillary units which supply auto components for fuel efficient vehicles. No such proposal hag 'been received by the Goverment.

Visit of West German firms reprsenta fires'

975. SHRIBIR BHADRA PRATAP SDNQH; W»H the Minister of ENERGY fee pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of M|S. |*AN-GHH of West»Germany recently visited.. the,; NeyyeM; lignite Corporatfon limited and held, discussions with th* Government in order to, secure further orders of their gjven project fli the NlJC; . and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard arid broad outlines of discussions field with the representatives during April, '

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL OF THE MINES (SHRi VASANT SATHE audi *(by* Representatives of MAN GHH West Germany visited Neyveli Lignit Corporation, to April, 1987 and held dis cwsskws with the Corporation regarding the- 'orders already issued to ttlem or specialised raining, equipment. No discussion* were held on further orders.

cost and sale price of DMT

. *916.* SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please ed to state(a) whether any action or inquiry is be. ing undertaken on the huge foreign e*-cjiangeloss allowing inport ofa pri vate second /hand DMTs Plant; if so, what are the details about die terms, personnel and the present stage of the inquiry;

(b) whether it is, confirmed that P. T. A. is costlier than D. M. T. and if so, in what respect;

<e) why one more D. M. T. ptot wa* allowed to be set up in our country in private, sector;

(d) whether it i* a fact that exefce duty-is levied" on P. T. A. though (here is no production in our country if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the present cost and sale" price of DMT T. in India afld in international market?

THE* MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ©HEMICALS AND PBTROM3HEMICALS' IN THE MINISTRY. OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINOM) •. *(A)* No such inquiry tas been ordered.

(b) At present pTA is not being manu factured' ii'the country. /The international price of PTA is generally higher than that of DMT.

(c) The. setting up Of the plant was ap. proved to meet the projected raw-material